

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 36.

The following Notice as to Parcel Post is published for general information.

By Command,

FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 30th January, 1886.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

Parcels may now be forwarded to the Cape Colony, Cyprus, Constantinople, British Guiana, and certain West Indian Islands named in the subjoined notice.

Special attention is called to the important information embodied in that notice as to the exemption, in the United Kingdom, of Watches and Jewellery from Customs duties.

ALFRED LISTER,
Postmaster General.

GENERAL POST OFFICE,
HONGKONG, 30th January, 1886.

PARCEL POST.

To	POSTAGE.	REGISTRATION.	LIMIT OF WEIGHT.	LIMIT OF SIZE, &c.
Hongkong, China, Japan, Corea, Siam,	2 cents per 2 oz.	<i>cents.</i> 5	5 lb.	2 ft. by 1 ft., by 1 ft.
Straits Settlements, Ceylon, India,	2 " "	10	5 lb.	Do., and not smaller than 3 in. by 2 in. by 2 in.
United Kingdom, via Gibraltar only,	25 cents per lb.	} Included in Postage. }	7 lb. }	} 3 ft. 6 in. long, or 6 ft. in greatest length and girth combined.
Windward and Leeward Is., † Trinidad, British Guiana,	45 " "			
Constantinople, (via London),	40 " "	Do.	7 lb.	Do.
Cyprus, (via London),	50 " "	Do.	7 lb.	Do. { Coins and Tobacco are prohibited.
Cape Town,	55 " "	Do.	7 lb. }	Do. { Letters may not be inserted.
Other places in Cape Colony,	65 " "	Do.	7 lb.	
Jamaica,	50 " "	Do.	7 lb.	2 ft. long, or 4 ft. in length and girth com- bined.

† Antigua, Montserrat, S. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, Virgin Is., Grenada, S. Lucia, S. Vincent, Tobago.

1.—TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND PLACES BEYOND.—Parcels are forwarded by P. & O. packet only, and arrive in London about 8 days later than the Mail. They must be posted before 3 P.M. on the day before the Mail leaves. Those arriving from the Coast, &c. after this hour are kept for the next P. & O. Mail. No further charge is made on delivery except for Customs Dues, which apply to no articles ordinarily sent from China except Tea, Tobacco, and Gold or Silver plate.* A Declaration of Contents and Value is required with each parcel. The form is supplied free.

2.—The inward parcel mail is not opened until the distribution of letters, &c. is finished. The postage on parcels to China is 10d. per lb., and they are sent out *via Gibraltar*. Parcels may be posted at any Post Office in the United Kingdom, and are delivered free at Hongkong, Macao, Canton, Hoihow, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Ningpo, Shanghai and Hankow; or, at the addressee's risk, with the mails for other places in China. Parcels may also be forwarded from the West Indian Islands, &c. named above.

3.—TO CEYLON.—Parcels are forwarded by P. & O. packet only. Registration is compulsory.

4.—TO INDIA.—By P. & O. and Indian Mail packet only. Registration is compulsory. A declaration of Contents and Value is required. The form is supplied free.

5.—GENERAL RULES.—Parcels may be sealed, but any parcel, even though sealed, is liable to be opened for examination. Dangerous or perishable goods, opium, articles likely to injure the mails, liquids (unless securely packed), and fragile packages are prohibited. No Parcel must exceed \$250 in value. A Parcel may contain a letter to the same address as that of the Parcel itself, or another Parcel to that address, but no other enclosure. Beyond \$10 in case of the loss of a *Registered* Parcel, no responsibility is accepted.

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HONGKONG, 30th January, 1886.

* No Customs duty is charged on Watches, Jewellery, Personal Ornaments, or any articles not describable as *Plate*. Duties cannot be prepaid by the sender.